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Letter dated 15 January 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the declaration by the Presidency of the European Union on the Central African Republic, issued on 10 January 1997 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security", and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

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Declaration by the Presidency of the European Union on the Central African Republic issued at Brussels on 10 January 1997

The European Union is extremely concerned at the serious situation of instability currently reigning in the Central African Republic. It would like all parties in Bangui to reach a peaceful solution.

With this in view, the Union fully supports the mediation efforts initiated by the Presidents of Gabon, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali and led on the spot by General Amadou Toumani Touré.

The Union calls upon all parties not to endanger the democratic process begun three years ago in the Central African Republic and to respect fully the principles of the rule of law and good governance, which are essential for the development of the country and its relationship with the European Union.